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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF TURKISH-GREEK MINISTERIAL TALKS:
POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF TURK CYPRIOT REFERENDUM

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1. THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MAY 13 THAT THE TURKISH AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET IN ROME ON MAY 17, 18 AND 19 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO TAKING THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, AND "OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS".

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CYPRUS-GREEK AFFAIRS GUVENDIREN TOLD EMBOFF MAY 13 THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT
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OF THE MINISTERIAL TALKS WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY

IN BOTH ANKARA AND ATHERNS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE EXPECTED THE TURK CYPRIOT ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE SHORTLY THAT CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM WOULD BE POSTPONED IN ORDER TO ALLOW OVERSEAS TURK CYPRIOTS MORE TIME TO RETURN AND JOIN IN THE VOTING. HE ADDED THAT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JUNE IN VIENNA COULD NOT BE HELD AS SCHEDULED BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE TURK CYPRIOT MEMBERS OF THE EXPERTS COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE STRASBOURG HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING (MICOSIA 1589).
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